

**DIVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES REGULATION  
RHODE ISLAND BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE**

**Minutes of Meeting**

**Wednesday, October 23, 2013**

**OPEN SESSION**

**The OPEN Session meeting of the Board of Veterinary Medicine was called to order at 1:05 p.m. on the above date in Room 401 of the Cannon Building, RI Department of Health. PURSUANT TO THE APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE General Laws of Rhode Island, as amended.**

**Members Present    Staff Present**

**Peter Cournoyer, DVM    Linda Phillips**

**Catherine Lund, DVM    Catherine Cordy**

**Mark Povar, DVM    Pamela Schultz**

**Conrad Jones, DVM    Daniel Ballerano, Attny**

**Stacey Rodehorst, DVM    Gary Pellicano, Attny**

**Susan Fabrizio**

**Members Absent    Others Present**

**Scott Marshall**

**Call to Order**

**The meeting of the Veterinary Medicine Board was called to order at 1:05 p.m.**

## **1.0 MINUTES**

**The minutes of the OPEN session meeting held on July 31, 2013 were reviewed.**

**Catherine Lund moved that the minutes be approved. Conrad Jones seconded the motion.**

**The motion carried on unanimous consent.**

## **2.0 ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES**

**Communications: None**

**Continuing Education Inquiries: None**

**Issued Veterinary Licenses:**

**A list of new veterinary licenses was distributed to the Board for review. On a motion made by**

**Catherine Lund and seconded by Conrad Jones, the list of licenses was approved by unanimous consent.**

### **3.0 OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **Pet CPR and First Aid Courses**

Discussion continued from last meeting. Further follow up revealed the AMA as having no specific policies regarding this issue. Although this Board does not recognize a course certificate or can not endorse this course, the good samaritan law might better pertain to this type of situation.

Review of Statute – Discuss Potential Amendments to Regulations  
State Veterinarian, Dr. Scott Marshall, attended this meeting to express his concern with a few sections of the regulations that need revision. Such sections pertain to out of state veterinarians assisting in emergency situations and section 18 pertaining to cruelty issues. This discussion continued with comments provided by Dr. Marshall from other states as to their regulations and policies.

### **4.0 NEW BUSINESS**

### **5.0 ADJOURN TO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4 and 46-45-5 of the RI General Laws for

**the purpose of discussing job**

**performance, character, physical or mental health of applicants for licensure and licenses; and**

**investigatory proceedings regarding allegations of civil or criminal misconduct. Said individuals**

**have been notified in advance by writing that they may request that the discussion be held in an**

**OPEN meeting.**

**Peter Cournoyer made a motion to close the OPEN meeting and adjourn to CLOSED session**

**in accordance with Sections 42-46-5(a) (1) and (4). Mark Povar seconded the motion. The motion**

**passed by unanimous consent.**

**The OPEN meeting session adjourned at 1:45 p.m.**

## **6.0 RETURN TO OPEN SESSION**

**Mark Povar made a motion to reopen the OPEN session at 2:30 p.m. Conrad Jones seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous consent.**

## **7.0 VOTE TO SEAL MINUTES**

**Pursuant to Sections 42-46-4, 42-46-5, and 42-46-7 of the RI General**

**Laws, a motion was made by Catherine Lund and seconded by Conrad Jones to seal the minutes of the executive (closed) session. All approved.**

**8.0 FINAL ACTIONS: None**

**9.0 ADJOURN**

**Being no other business before the Board, Peter Cournoyer made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 2:40 p.m. Mark Povar seconded the motion. The motion carried on unanimous consent.**

**Respectfully submitted,  
Linda Phillips, Board Administrator  
Rhode Island Department of Health**